

VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE IN RESPECT OF DOGS
OR CATS FOR EXPORT TO REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ISSUING AUTHORITY _____

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN _____

A. DESCRIPTION _____

1. Number and Identification of animals:

Amount	Species	Breed	Sex	Age	Color	Name / ID no.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Directorate of Animal Health, R.S.A. import license no: _____

3. Origin of animals

3.1 Name and address of consignor: _____

3.2 Address of premises or origin of animal: _____

4. Destination of animals

4.1 Name and address of consignee: _____

4.2 Means of transport (flight no./vessel name): _____

4.3 Address of premises at final destination: _____

B. HEALTH ATTESTATION

I, _____ the undersigned
government veterinarian of the Veterinary Administration of the exporting
country, certify that the animals described in Section A:

1. After due inquiry I am of the opinion that the animals have either been continuously resident in the exporting country since birth, or have been continuously resident in the exporting country for the last 6 months.
2. Originate from an area which is not under veterinary restriction for any disease to which carnivores are susceptible.
3. Originate from a premises where there have been no cases of rabies within a 25km radius during the preceding 6 months.
4. Were examined clinically by an official within 10 days of export and were found to be free of internal and external parasites, contagious and infectious diseases to which the species is susceptible and fit to travel.
5. Did not, as far as possible to determine, come into contact with animals infected or suspected of being infected with rabies.
6. Have a valid (see Note 1) rabies vaccination.
7. Have been tested for the following conditions (unless the country of origin can be certified free from the disease under Section C) at an officially approved laboratory, using testing procedures described by the O.I.E. reference laboratories, with negative results, within 60 days of export:

7.1 Brucella canis - test date: _____

7.2 Trypanosoma evansi - test date: _____

7.3 Babesia gibsoni - test date: _____

7.4 Dirofilaria immitis - test date: _____

8. Have been treated for the following conditions (unless the country of origin can be certified free of the disease under Section C) as prescribed below:

8.1 Trypanosoma evansi: from the date of negative testing until export with Suramin or Diminazene aceturate.

Date: _____ Product: _____ Dosage: _____

8.2 Dirofilaria immitis:

from 3 months prior to export at the required intervals until 3 months post arrival in the Republic of South Africa (see note 2) with:

▶ Diethylcarbamazine (6,6 mg/kg per os daily)

OR

▶ Ivermectin (3-6 micrograms/kg per os monthly)

OR

▶ Milbemycin oxime (0,5 mg/kg per os monthly)

Date:_____ Product:_____ Dosage:_____

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Date:_____ Product:_____ Dosage:_____

9. Were shipped in containers which conform to IATA regulations, which were either new or suitably disinfected and fumigated before loading and were of such a nature that contact with other animals of a lesser health status, en route, is prevented.

C. DISEASE FREEDOM

The country of origin is free from Leishmania donovani, Leishmania chagasi, Brucella canis or paragraph 7.1 has been complied with, Trypanosoma evansi or paragraphs 7.2 and 8.1 have been complied with Babesia gibsoni or paragraph 7.3 has been complied with and Dirofilaria immitis or paragraphs 7.4 and 8.2 have been complied with.

Signed at _____ on date _____

OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN

Name _____

Address _____

Official stamp

NOTES FOR IMP. DOG/CAT GEN 2/96

Note 1: The vaccine used must be a strain of anti-rabies conforming to a potency standard recognized by the World Health Organization.

The animal must have been vaccinated at least 30 days, but not longer than 12 months prior to export.

Animals under 3 months of age may not be vaccinated and are considered to have a valid vaccination provided the dam of the animal concerned was vaccinated at least 30 days, but not more than 12 months prior to giving birth. NB Such animals must be vaccinated at 3 months of age against rabies, in the Republic of South Africa and the owners must inform the South African Veterinary authorities.

Note 2: Heartworm drugs are not available in the Republic of South Africa and must be imported by the importer of the dog at the time of the importation of the dog.

Explanatory Notes

1. The United States can make the disease freedom claim for: Trypanosoma evansi, and Babesia gibsoni.

2. Leishmania donovani, and L. chagasi, occur sporadically in the United States. Therefore, to comply with South African requirements, dogs should be tested. The Centers for Disease Control conducts an IFA test for Leishmania spp. The test covers both Leishmania spp. Contact for the test is:

Dr. Frank Shevrer or Dr. Sue McConnell
Parasitology Department
CDC - Atlanta, GA
(770) 488-4474

Cats don't need to be tested for either Leishmania or Brucellosis.